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SUBJ: SOVIET SATELLITE

REF: A) SEOUL 672, B) STATE 22314

1. APPRECIATE DEPT RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE
RE KOREAN QUESTIONS ON NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE ON SOVIET
SATELLITE. WE HAVE HAD NO FOLLOW-UP ON THE INITIAL REQUEST
(REF A) AND DO NOT PLAN A RESPONSE AT THIS TIME UNLESS
MATTER IS AGAIN RAISED. OUR RELUCTANCE TO REOPEN THIS
ISSUE STEMS, IN PART, FROM THE RESPONSE ITSELF (REF B).
WHILE WE AGREE THAT JAPAN MEETS THE CRITERIA OF PARA 2,
REF B, WE ALSO NOTE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES, I.E. NEW ZEALAND
AND SOME NATO COUNTRIES WERE INCLUDED BECAUSE OF OTHER
COUNTRIES MEETING CRITERIA WHICH WERE TO BE NOTIFIED.
GIVEN EXTENT OF OUR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY
RELATIONSHIP WITH KOREA AND FACT THAT ITS LARGE NEIGHBOR
JAPAN WAS NOTIFIED, WE DOUBT THAT THE EXPLANATION PROVIDED
WILL MOLLIFY CONCERNS.

2. THE SOVIET SATELLITE IS NOW OLD NEWS AND HISTORY
CANNOT BE REWRITTEN. IN FUTURE, HOWEVER, EMBASSY HOPES
THAT, IF NOT KOREA, THEN AT LEAST ONE COUNTRY NOT A
MEMBER OF THE QUOTE CLUB END QUOTE CAN BE INCLUDED,
(FYI - RECENT EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A SATELLITE TRACKING
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STATION IN KOREA, UNDER AN AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES
INFORMATION OBTAINED TO KOREANS ON REQUEST, MAKES
PRESENT CASE EVEN MORE EMBARASSING FOR US HERE. END FYI).
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